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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN MISSION FAMILY ARRESTED FOR SHOPLIFTING

1. IVAN PANOV, STAFF MEMBER OF BULGARIAN MISSION, AND HIS WIFE MARIA WERE ARRESTED EVENING OF FEBRUARY 22ND IN K-MART STORE IN WAYNE, NEW JERSEY AND CHARGED WITH SHOPLIFTING.

2. ACCORDING TO POLICE, PANOVS ALLEGEDLY SUBSTITUTED PRICE TAG ON TIE AND PRICE TAG ON BLANKET AND TRIED TO CHECK BOTH ITEMS OUT WITH INCORRECT PRICE TAGS. PRICE OF TIE WAS CHANGED FROM \$2.96 TO \$1.50, AND PRICE TAG ON BLANKET WAS CHANGED FROM \$10.88 TO \$4.22.

3. MISOFF SPOKE TO LY. MYLAK OF WAYNE, NEW JERSEY, POLICE DEPARTMENT, WHO AGREED RELEASE PANOVS IN CUSTODY OF MEMBER OF BULGARIAN MISSION. PRE-TRIAL HEARING WAS SET IN WAYNE MUNICIPAL COURT ON FEBRUARY 24 AT 1600 HOURS.

4. MORNING OF FEBRUARY 23, VALENTINE BOJLOV, BULGARIAN MISSION SECOND SECRETARY PHONED ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM AMBASSADOR YANKOV. HE SAID PANOVS WORK AT BULGARIAN MISSION COUNTRY HOUSE IN FRANKLIN LAKES. HE SAID THEY HAD BEEN QUESTIONED BY BULGARIAN MISSION AND HAD DENIED

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CHANGING PRICE TAGS. BOJLOV SAID PANOVS DID NOT SPEAK ENGLISH AND FELT THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN SOME MISUNDERSTANDING. HE STATED THAT AMBASSADOR YANKOV REQUESTED THAT USUN INTERVENE IN ORDER TO CANCEL COURT PROCEEDINGS.

5. MISOFF PHONED MANAGER OF K-MART STORE AND ASKED HIM TO CONSIDER DROPPING MATTER. MANAGER SAID PANOVS HAD

BEEN WATCHED DURING OTHER VISITS THEY HAD MADE TO K-MART
STORE, AND IT WAS FELT THEY HAD DONE SAME THING BEFORE.
UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, HE DECLINED TO DROP CHARGES.

6. AS A RESULT, WE PHONED EASTERN REGIONAL MANAGER
OF K-MART STORES IN EAST BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY, TO ASK
HIS ASSISTANCE. WE ARE WAITING TO SPEAK TO HIM AND WILL
KEEP DEPARTMENT AND AMEMBASSY SOFIA ADVISED OF DEVELOP-
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